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Further Testing of Williston Water System Reveals Continued Safety

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) and the city of Williston report that the most recent tests of the city's water system reveal that the water has remained well within the federal and state standards for safe drinking water. NDDoH and the city will continue to test the water system to ensure that public health is protected.

The tests revealed low levels of hydrocarbon contaminants within the system, but the level of contaminants is decreasing over time, which suggests that the contaminants are now leaving the system. The city has been and will continue to flush the system to hasten the process.

It is still not clear if the contaminants are from the spill in Glendive or another source, and the investigation is ongoing.

As a precaution, NDDoH will be testing other water supplies connected to the Missouri River system upstream from Garrison Dam. NDDoH has been working with local water system operators and public health officials to increase their awareness of the spill and potential public water issues. Along with testing by NDDoH, local operators are monitoring their systems for evidence of contamination.

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